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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This amendment and response is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action that was mailed on April 18, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner set a three-month period in which to respond. This response is submitted within that time period. Accordingly, it is timely.